

AMENDED CLAIMS

Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A device for treatment or fixation of a fractured, damaged or deteriorating bone or bones in a mid-foot region, said device having a proximal end, a distal end, and a central cylindrical elongated body and said midfoot region comprises the metatarsal bone, the medial cuneiform bone, the navicular bone and the talus bone and wherein said proximal end is a chamfered end, and wherein said chamfered end is defined by a reduction in diameter by a 45 degree chamfer between said central cylindrical elongated body and said chamfered end, wherein a sufficient portion of said chamfered end is inserted into said talus bone so that at least one proximal fastener hole reaches far enough into said talus bone to fully secure said device with fasteners through said fastener hole thereby securing said mid-foot region by providing support along the medullary canal, said canal extending into and through said mid-foot region starting first with extending said device [[at]] into and though said [[the]] metatarsal bone, next into and through [[the said]] medial cuneiform bone, next into and through to the said navicular bone and finally into [[the]] said talus bone.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Amended) The device as in claim [[2]] L, wherein said device is an implant which is inserted into [[a]] said medullary canal of said first metatarsal bone, said medial cuneiform bone, said navicular bone, and said talus bone.

4. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 3, wherein said implant is an intramedullary nail.

5. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 4, wherein said intramedullary nail is cannulated comprising a round cross-section with said central cylindrical elongated body.

6. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 4, wherein said intramedullary nail is adapted with an attaching means by way of a proximal fastener hole and a distal fastener hole to allow for compression of said mid-foot region.

7. (Currently amended) The device as in claim 6, wherein said attaching means is accomplished by insertion of at least one fastener in at least one fastener hole or slot at either

said proximal end, said distal end, or along said central cylindrical elongated body of said implant.

8. (Currently amended) The device as in claim 7, wherein said attaching means utilizes at least one proximal fastener hole and at least one distal fastener hole further allowing for reduction and compression of said mid-foot region.

9. (Currently amended) The device as in claim 7, wherein said fastener is configured and dimensioned for insertion [[in]] into at least one fastener hole, further comprising a threaded hole for insertion of a screw, said screw having an optional threaded head portion and a threaded shaft portion.

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